

Wisconsin Elections Commission

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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks

City of Milwaukee Election Commission

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SUBJECT: Third-Party Voter Registration Mailing: Voter Participation Center

The Wisconsin Elections Commission has been advised that a voter registration mailing will start arriving in Wisconsin on June 19, 2019. The mailing is from the Voter Participation Center (VPC), a nonprofit voter registration group that is not affiliated with the State.

The VPC mailing will contain a Wisconsin voter registration application with some information for the recipient pre-filled on the form. Instructions and a cover letter will also be included that provide voters with context for the mailing and information to help them understand the voter registration process and proof of residence requirements. We have reviewed the draft version of these documents and provided feedback to VPC intended to improve the mailing and decrease voter confusion. Examples of two different mailings being sent to Wisconsin residents are attached to this communication. The first is to voters who VPC believes are not currently registered to vote. The second encourages registered voters, who VPC believes have recently moved, to update their registration address.

VPC tells us they are sending this mailing to 69,262 people in 1,379 Wisconsin municipalities. A list containing the number of mailings sent to voters in each of these municipalities has also been provided for your reference below. If your municipality is represented on the list from VPC you may receive one or more of these voter registration applications. The applications should be treated as any other voter registration forms you may receive by mail. Please review them to ensure all required information and supporting documentation have been provided by the voter. Clerks should not process forms that are missing required information or are not accompanied by an acceptable proof of residence document. Instead, please contact the voter to request proof of residence or the information that is missing from the form.

VPC has made information about its process available on its website, which has <u>information devoted to</u> <u>their efforts to reduce mailing errors</u>. The website also contains <u>an electronic form that voters can use to unsubscribe</u> from VPC's mailings and gives (877) 255-6750 as a number that voters can also use as a contact for complaints or to unsubscribe.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>elections@wi.gov</u> or call the Help Desk at (608) 261-2028 with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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